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SUBJECT: EXPORT COST INFLATION INSURANCE SCHEMES

1. AT MARCH 14 GATT COUNCIL, DECISION ON CANADIAN PRO-
POSAL TO ESTABLISH A PANEL OF INDEPENDENT GATT EXPERTS
TO EXAMINE THE COMPATIBILITY OF EXPORT COST INFLATION
SCHEMES WITH THE GENERAL AGREEMENT WAS PUT OFF UNTIL
NEXT COUNCIL. AS FOLLOW-UP TO THE COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION
ON THIS MATTER, THE CANADIANS ASKED FOR A MEETING OF KEY
DELS TO DISCUSS TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR GATT
PANEL PROPOSED BY CANADA. FRENCH, HOWEVER, INSISTED
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THAT CANADA CONSULT FIRST UNDER GATT ARTICLE XXIII:1
AND MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 21 WAS CANCELLED.
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IS TAKING A "HANDS OFF" STANCE ON THIS
ISSUE.

2. CANADIAN DEL IS PUZZLED BY FRENCH POSITION BUT
ASSUMES FRENCH ARE ATTEMPTING TO FORCE CANADIANS TO TAKE

UP MATTER UNDER GATT ARTICLE XXIII:2. HE POINTS OUT
CORRECTLY THAT FRENCH HAVE WEAKEST CASE AND THAT FRANCE
MAY BE ATTEMPTING TO TEST STRENGTH OF CANADA'S INTEN-
TIONS AND SEE IF CANADA COULD MAKE CASE UNDER ARTICLE
XXIII:2. BY ASKING FOR ARTICLE XXIII:1 CONSULTATIONS,
FRANCE COULD STILL OPT FOR PANEL UNDER CANADIAN GENERAL
TERMS OF REFERENCE, OR COULD CONTINUE TO BLOCK SUCH A
PANEL FORCING CANADA TO MAKE SPECIFIC COMPLAINT UNDER GATT
ARTICLE XXIII:2. CANADIAN DEL HAS NOT YET DECIDED HOW
TO PURSUE THIS MATTER AND WOULD WELCOME U.S. INPUT.
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